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1. EMBASSY BISSAU IS VERY INTERESTED IN PROPOSED PROGRAM. GUINEA-BISSAU IS A NEW COUNTRY, AND OUR INFORMATION BASE ON ITS EVOLVING INSTITUTIONS AND PRACTICES ARE SPARSE. WE ARE TRYING TO REMEDY THIS BUT SMALL STAFF AND HEAVY ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN NEW POST MAKES THIS TASK A SLOW ONE. A SUMMER INTERN COULD ASSIST US GREATLY BY COMPLETING ONE OR MORE IN-DEPTH STUDIES, E.G. GOVERNMENT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY, REORGANIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SYSTEMS, GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, USEFUL WORK MIGHT WELL BE DONE ON SELF-HELP PROGRAM AND LOCAL COST OF LIVING SURVEY. WE HAVE NO DOUBT WE CAN FIND USEFUL AND INTERESTING PROJECTS.

2. WHILE OUR FIRST REACTION TO THIS PROGRAM IS IN TERMS OF GUINEA-BISSAU, WE MAY ALSO FIND WAY OF DIVIDING INTERN'S TIME WITH OUR SISTER POST IN CAPE VERDE. IN FACT, WORK PROJECT MIGHT BE DESIGNED (E.G. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF BINATIONAL RULING POLITICAL PARTY - PAIGC) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE INTERN PURSUING RESEARCH IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. WHILE ACADEMIC BACKGROUND OF INTERN NOT IMPORTANT
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TO CONSIDER AT THIS TIME, LANGUAGE QUALIFICATION IS. PORTUGUESE FLUENCY VITAL, ALTHOUGH FRENCH LANGUAGE CAPACITY MIGHT SUFFICE DEPENDING ON PROJECT AND BACKGROUND OF INTERN. LACK OF PORTUGUESE WOULD, HOWEVER, INEVITABLY LIMIT INTERN'S SCOPE.MARKS

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